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## SOURCE:

As it is generally known on 4 July 1953, considerable changes had taken place in the Hungarian Government. Several of the ministries were combined. Thus the Ministry of Internal Trade and Ministry of Foreign Trade were combined into a single ministry, called Ministry of Foreign and Internal Trade.

1. Personalities in the Ministry of Foreign and Internal Trade.

- a. Minister: József Bognár, former Minister of Internal Trade.
- b. First Deputy Minister: László Háy. Háy, among others, is in charge of the Planning Division (Terv-főosztály) and the Division for Capitalistic Countries (actually named Capitalistic Foreign Relations Division or Államközi kapitalista főosztály). Prior to 4 July 1953, Háy was Chief Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Trade.
- c. Deputy Minister: András Szobek, prior to the Government's reorganization Minister of Foreign Trade. Szobek is now in charge of the Trading Divisions: Division of Light Industry, Division of Heavy Industry, and Division of Agriculture.
- d. Deputy Minister: János Halász.
- e. Deputy Minister: János Tausz, former Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Internal Trade.
- f. Deputy Minister: Sándor Sebes.

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2. Immediate result of the reorganization was the unification of the administrative departments, such as the Ministerial Secretariat (Miniszteri titkárság), and the Departments of Personnel, Economics, Bookkeeping (személyzeti és gazdasági osztályok, főkönyvelőség). Those divisions which were directly concerned with the activities of Hungarian trade delegations abroad, that is the Foreign Relations Divisions and the Trading Divisions, remained unchanged in organization and most of the personnel. Notable exception is the Heavy Industry Division, whose new head is Császár (fnu).<sup>1</sup> Gál (fnu)<sup>2</sup> is leaving and will become Manager of Chemolimpex. It is contemplated that the Ministry of Foreign and Internal Trade, which is conducting its business now in two separate buildings, will move into a single building of suitable size.

Comments.

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1. Possibly János Császár, former Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade.
2. Possibly András Gál, onetime Commercial Attache in Brazil.

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